WHY VANGUARD
Vanguard features small class-sizes where students get individualized attention. They instill time management, organization skills, and study habits in their students, which benefit them for the rest of their lives. Not only do we offer students in grades 6-12 a full slate of academics, fine arts, sports, and extracurricular activities, but we also teach responsibility, rigor, and respect. Vanguard's SAT scores are 27% higher than the state average and the school has produced over 50 National Merit Finalists in the past 19 years. Vanguard believes our education standards align with the high standards of Baylor University.

BAYLOR FACULTY AND STAFF BENEFITS
• Tuition Assistance consideration for all Baylor Employees
• The Bright Futures Scholarship for a rising 7th grader

The recipient will be selected based on being a well-rounded student who will take advantage of all that Vanguard has to offer. The recipient will uphold Vanguard’s values including, but not exclusive to, a sense of community, physical vigor, passion for learning, and a willingness to try new things. Vanguard’s core values are rigor, respect, and responsibility. Current VCPS 6th graders may apply.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AN APPLYING CANDIDATE INCLUDE:
• Parent is a current full-time Baylor employee
• Vanguard on-campus visit by family and prospective student
• Prospective student shadows a current 7th grader for an entire day
• Prospective student transcript
• Vanguard application completed.
• Student interview with Vanguard School representatives
• Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA annually 7th - 12th grade
• Abide by Vanguard Honor Code
• Current VCPS 6th graders may apply via contacting Chelsa Ressetar

Vanguard College Preparatory School believes in the value of a college preparatory education and appreciates the long-standing partnership with Baylor University. Since 2003, 115 Vanguard graduates have chosen Baylor University to continue their academic pursuits.
For consideration for Vanguard “Bright” Future scholarship, the applicant must contact Vanguard and complete the requirements by **December 31st, 2024**. 6th graders from all schools are eligible to apply, including current VCPS 6th graders who have parents who work at Baylor. All interviews will be completed in January. Vanguard will notify the scholarship recipient in early February.

To apply for the Bright Scholarship or inquire about admission and tuition assistance, contact Chelsa Ressetar at chelsa_ressetar@vanguard.org or call 254-772-8111.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WWW.VANGUARD.ORG.**

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**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE 2024-2025 “BRIGHT” FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

**ELLIE KATE ALEXANDER**

Ellie Kate Alexander is the daughter of Davin and Amy Alexander. Ellie Kate is currently a student at Robinson Intermediate School.

Amy is currently the Director of Support Services in Baylor’s Information Systems and Services department. She helps provide management and coordination of technology efforts related to university systems such as Oracle (Ignite), Paciolan, and Ellucian (Banner). She oversees various security projects, IT audits, and operations of information systems. Amy is celebrating her 20th anniversary as a Baylor employee this year.

Ellie Kate enjoys reading, math, and social studies. She loves being outdoors and playing with her pets, including 3 dogs and 3 cats. She is especially fond of Bonnie, a rescue dog who came to live with her in 2018. Ellie Kate plays volleyball for Waco Juniors and has been a competitive cheerleader for multiple years. She also loves playing golf with her dad and older sister, Avery. She began her golf journey during the pandemic when she was looking for the opportunity to learn a new skill and get outside. Ellie Kate is thrilled to be joining the Vanguard Viking family!